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FYI – Julie's Feedback

From: Cox-Kain, Julie
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Joy, Since the requirement to do this work is dependent upon the legislature appropriating funds for this specific purpose we don't have a major issue. I will point out, however, there is an almost identical statute (Alternatives to Abortion) that immediately precedes the numbering provided in the Choosing Childbirth Act. At that time the legislature established the Alternatives to Abortion fund and appropriated money for deposit into the fund under a line item appropriation until SFY 2009. I had our legal Counsel assess the bill against the existing statute and he found the following:

The basis in state law for the use of the Alternatives to Abortion revolving account funds are almost identical to the work the organizations are to do under the Choosing Childbirth Act (in fact the Choosing Childbirth Act is located at the end of the Alternatives to Abortion portion of the statutes). Below is a side by side comparison of each program:

| Alternative to Abortion Fund | Choosing Childbirth Act |
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| 1. Medical care; for duration of pregnancy | 1. Provide Medical Attention |
| 2. Nutritional services; | 2. Nutritional Support Services |
| 3. Housing assistance; | 3. Housing Assistance |
| 4. Adoption services; | 4. Adoption Services |
| 5. Educational and employment assistance, assistance; and | 5. Education and employment |
| 6. Child care assistance; and support services. | 6. Parenting education and |
| 7. Parenting education and support services. | |

The major difference between the two is that the Alternative to Abortion Funds go directly to the non-profit who provide the "alternatives-to-abortion services" (see 63 O.S. Sec. 1-740.11 (A), while under the Choosing Childbirth Act the monies would go to the "grant-supervising entity" to grant the money to the non-profit.

